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Fryer's Hardy Plants



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HARDY PLANT AND GLADIOLUS
SPECIALIST

MANTORVILLE, - MINNESOTA

Introductory

I had tested over 600 varieties of Iris before I began to raise seedlings and shall continue to test the promising varieties of other growers as offered so that I will be better qualified to judge my seedlings

My glory strain mostly contains some shade of red, as brown, carmine and maroon-red. The plants are very robust growers, and free flowering. The falls generally stand out horizontally, and the flowers are mostly large. They will average from 20 to 30 inches in height.

I am raising thousands of seedlings each year, and I believe I have the largest amount of seedlings of any grower in the United States. I have also been told by persons who have visited every grower in Minnesota that I have more iris than all others combined.

EVERYTHING IS PREPAID



RHODODENDRON

With special protection during the winter it has bloomed freely for thirteen years.

WILLIS E. FRYER

Mantorville, Minnesota, U. S. A.

Fryer's New Iris

S, signifies standard or upright petals. F, falls or drooping petals.

The height of the flower stalks is given in inches.

A. M. BRAND. S. true golden-broze; F. maroon-red, veined yellow. Fragrant. Glory strain. 60 cents each, 3 for \$1.50.

A. W. LATHAM. S. claret-bronze; F. velvety purple. Orange beard. Honey scented. Glory strain. 60 cents each, 3 for \$1.50.

BARTON HARRINGTON. S. bright golden yellow; F. brown, tinged with red; bordered bright golden yellow. Fragrant. Glory strain. \$1.00 each.

C. A. PFEIFFER. S. Large blue; F. pansy violet, light edge. Light orange beard. Very fragrant. Showy. 40 cents each, 3 for \$1.00.

CLARENCE WEDGE. S. heliotrope, tinged with yellow; F. purple-red. Orange beard. Glory strain. 30 cents each, 4 for \$1.00.

C. P. CONNELL. S. bright blue; S. blue, with purple tinge. Light yellow beard. 36 inches. Fine large foliage. 50 cents each, 3 for \$1.25.

DR. ANDRIST. S. bronze-yellow; S. velvety plush of maroon-red. Orange beard. Delightfully fragrant. Glory strain \$1.00 each.

DR. VINSON. S. purple-violet, F. purple-velvet; with lighter edge. Yellow beard. Fragrant. 28 inches. 50 cents each, 3 for \$1.25.

DR. HAINES. Light lavender. Fragrant. 40 inches. \$5.00 each

DR. C. H. MAYO. S. light amparo purple; F. phlox purple, lighter shade toward the edge. Very fragrant. 36 inches. \$5.00 each.

E. L. IRISH. Lavender violet, falls a darker shade. Large light orange beard. Fragrant. 45 inches. \$3.00 each.

E. C. SHAW. S. light claret; F. claret, veined and shaded black. Fragrant. Distinct. 24 inches. \$1.50 each.

FRYER'S GLORY. S. golden, tinged with crimson; F. velvety maroon. Orange beard. 75 cents each, 3 for \$2.00.

GOVERNOR HUGHES. S. violet, tinged with red; F. darker shade of the same. Very large orange beard that extends well out on the falls, and the longest beard that I have seen on an iris. Pleasant fragrance. 28 inches. \$1.00 each.

GENOA. S. purple-bronze; F. dark purple in the center, shading to violet toward the edges. 28 inches. 60 cents each, 3 for \$1.50.

HARRIET. S. white, blue line running through each, also veined and spotted blue; F. white, with veined border of blue. Early. 24 inches. 30 cents each, 4 for \$1.00.

J. C. DRAKE. S. bright blue; F. bright velvety purple, lighter edge. Yellow beard. Fragrant 28 inches. 60 cents each, 3 for \$1.50.

KATHRYN FRYER. S. large yellow; F. velvety maroon-red, veined white at center, and reticulated yellow at base. Orange beard. Fragrant. 30 inches. Last season I picked a stem that had 15 buds and blossoms on it. 75 cents each, 3 for \$2.00.



Leota and the Iris I named for her.
Second season after planting.

- LOWELL. S. light purple; F. a darker shade of the same. Fragrant. Large. 26 inches. Distinct foliage. 40 cents each, 3 for \$1.00.
- LEOTA. Creamy white when first open, fading to pure white. It was the first tall bearded to bloom last season. It is a vigorous grower and free bloomer, and will make the greatest show of blooms in two seasons of any variety that I have ever grown. \$1.50 each, 3 for \$4.00.
- MAGNIFICENT. S. amparo purple. a brighter shade than the chart. F. Rood's violet. Reticulated brown and yellow at base. Conspicuous orange beard. Falls very large and long. 30 inches. Given honorable mention by the American Iris Society, June 1920. \$20.00 each.
- M. G. PETERS. S. yellow, F. yellow, shaded with brown and margined light yellow. Orange beard. Fragrant. Large. 32 inches. 50 cents each, 3 for \$1.25.
- MINNESOTA. S. bright golden yellow; F. maroon-red. Orange beard. Fragrant. Glory strain. 60 cents each, 3 for \$1.50.
- MARGERIE McCORD. S. claret; F. claret, tinged with brown. Orange beard, tipped dark claret, Fragrant. 30 inches. \$1.00 each.
- MRS. ILTIS. Wisteria violet, nearly a self color. Fine form. One of the latest to bloom which enhances its value. 24 inches. \$2.00 each.
- MRS. RAPP. Light lavender violet. Large light orange beard. Fragrant. Extra large. 30 inches. \$3.00 each.
- MRS. JUDD. S. citron yellow; F. amber yellow toward the edge, center white suffused yellow; reticulated brown at base. Orange beard. The standards are darker than the falls which is quite unusual. 36 inches. \$3.00 each.
- MRS. TODD. S. Amparo purple, white in center. F. white with a frilled border of amparo purple. Fragrant. 24 inches. \$3.00 each.
- MRS. W. E. FRYER. S. white, shaded heliotrope; F. purple-crimson, bordered a lighter shade; white veins from center to base. Orange beard. 32 inches. 50 cents each, 3 for \$1.25.
- MRS. A. M. BRAND. S. large erect white; F. white, slightly veined violet. Orange beard. Fragrant. 30 inches. 40 cents each, 3 for \$1.00.
- MRS. ANDRIST. S. pure white; F. rich velvety purple; distinct white border. Yellow beard. Very fragrant. 22 inches. 30 cents each, 4 for \$1.00.
- MRS. SMITH. S. rich yellow; F. same color, shaded light yellow in center, and veined darker yellow. Yellow beard. 24 inches. 30 cents each, 4 for \$1.00.

MRS. CHRISTMAN. S. pink-bronze, veined with violet; F. bronze-pink shaded violet. Lemon beard. Fragrant. 28 inches. 50 cents each, 3 for \$1.25.

MRS. NAEGLI. Pure glistening white. Vigorous. 24 inches. This is one of the best pure whites that I have ever seen. \$2.00 each.

MRS. GOODING. S light hortense violet; F. Petunia violet. Fragrant. 24 inches. \$1.50 each.

NADINE. S. chinese violet; F. Matthews purple. 36 inches. \$1.50 each.

P. L. BATTEY. S. Light mallow pink; F. a shade darker; reticulated white at base. 24 inches. \$3.00 each.

REV. WURTELE. S. purple-bronze; F. rich velvety purple, lighter toward the edges. Yellow beard. Fragrant. 18 inches. 40 cents each, 3 for \$1.00.

REV. SMITH. S. bronze-crimson; F. maroon-red. Yellow beard. Glorly strain. 50 cents each, 3 for \$1.25.

R. R. SMITH. S. lavender-violet when first open, fading to light mauve. Large flower. 30 inches. 75 cents each, 3 for 2.00.

W. F. CHRISTMAN. S. white, tinged with violet; F purple, reticulated white with lighter border. Yellow beard. Fragrant. 22 inches. 30 cents each, 4 for \$1.00.

W. J. FRYER. S. large yellow; F. maroon, with yellow border; center overshadowed violet. 30 inches. \$1.50 each.

ZUMBRO. S. Wisteria blue; F. Mauve. 36 inches. \$2.00 each.

DWARF BEARDED

BETSY PRESBY. Bright yellow; the falls shaded and veined darker yellow. 30 cents each, 4 for \$1.00.

MRS. HAGLER. S. white, shaded cream; F. deeper shade of the same, lower part veined a deeper yellow. Occasionally there are blotches of purple. 9 inches. 20 cents each, 3 for 50 cents.

DR. MANN. S. Lavender violet; S. Petunia violet, lighter toward the edge; bright yellow beard. Fragrant. \$1.00 each.

DR. POTTER. S. Mulberry purple; F. Fluorite violet with a velvety texture. This is as rich a color as any tall bearded iris. \$1.00 each.

MIXED SEEDLINGS TALL BEARDED IRIS

I have thousands of mixed seedlings, and will give 50 or more varieties in each order for 100 plants, and am offering them as follows; 12 for \$1.00, 25 for \$1.75, 50 for \$3.30 and 100 for \$6.60.

SIBERIAN IRIS

TRUE BLUE. As the name denotes—a true blue—and the best blue Siberian iris that I have ever seen. The flowers are born on stiff stems 30 inches high. The falls are as good or better than Perry's Blue, and the standards are a shade darker. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

I have a number of fine standard varieties of tall bearded iris such as Fairy, Lohengrin, Lorely, Rhein Nixie and others at 25 cents each.

I also have the best of the beardless iris such as Lord Wolseley, Mrs. A. W. Tait, Ochroleuca Gigantea and others at 25 cents each.

WHEN TO PLANT. I have planted iris ten months in the year with good success. The most favorable time is shortly after blooming. If planted early they make a good growth, and nearly every plant should bloom the following season.

WHERE TO PLANT. A dry, sunny location suits them best. Avoid fresh manure when planting, in fact, all manure where bearded iris are planted.

I furnish No. 1 plants. No small single divisions as some firms send out.



One corner of over two acres of
Named Seedling Iris

PEONIES

They can be planted early in September until late fall or in the spring, but early planting is considered the best for they will make some root growth before cold weather, and will bloom better the following season. I store the roots in my storage cellar in sand, and always plant as late as the last of May with good success.

In planting be sure to have the new buds that have formed at the crown of the plant two inches below the surface when planted. Do not set the plant on too loose dirt so that it will settle after planting. Too deep planting is one cause of not blooming well.

They appreciate good care and nourishment, but resent an over-abundance of fresh manure too near the roots.

In my trial bed I have many of the best of the new varieties, and some that cost me as much as \$25.00 per plant, and many from \$5.00 to \$15.00 each. I also have a number of fine seedlings that compare favorably with the best, but never have named one.

I have many fine varieties and am offering pink, red and white from 50 cents to \$1.00 each.

The cheaper price is for a good divided root and the higher the price the larger the root.

HARDY PHLOX

They require rich soil to produce the best effect as they are gross feeders. They like plenty of moisture and in dry seasons should be supplied with plenty of water. Unlike most flowers they will thrive in partial shade.

Have the new buds that have formed at the crown of the plant one inch below the surface when planted.

AMELIA. Crimson center, fading to nearly white on the edge. 25 cents each, 4 for 85 cents.

ANNA. White, with red eye. Strong grower. 30 cents each.

DR. CHAS. H. MAYO. White, with red eye. Tall, strong grower. This is the best white phlox with an eye that I have ever seen. Last season grew over four feet in height. 40 cents each, 3 for \$1.00.

ESCLAMONDE. Clear rosy lilac, deeper eye; exquisitely rayed and shaded. Tall. 25 cents each, 4 for 85 cents.

J. H. KAHLER. White, blended with different shades of red, fading to nearly pure white. It has a changing appearance with the weather, and at times is one of the most beautiful phlox that I have ever seen. 40 cents each.

KATHRYN FRYER. Light salmon pink with red eye. Large truss. 50 cents each. Stock limited.

I.OTHAIR. Salmon-red, with dark carmine eye. Very showy. Tall. 25 cents each, 4 for 85 cents.

MRS. W. E. FRYER. A fine pure white, and one that always makes good. 30 cents each, 4 for \$1.00.

MRS. J. H. KAHLER. Blended pink and white. 30 cents each, 4 for \$1.00.

MRS. MELLINGER. Rosy red with darker eye. 25 cents each, 4 for 85 cents.

PRESIDENT TAFT. Light pink, with lighter center. Extra. 30 cents each, 4 for \$1.00.

PEARL. A tall vigorous growing medium sized late white. 25 cents each, 4 for 85 cents.

R. P. STRUTHERS. Bright rosy-red, crimson eye. Admired by all. 25 cents each, 4 for 85 cents.

W. J. FRYER. Pink, shaded salmon; bright red eye. Large truss. 50 cents each. Stock limited.



MRS. FRYER PHLOX

DELPHINIUM

(Perennial Larkspur)

There is no hardy plant that will give more pleasure than the Delphinium, and none that have a longer season of bloom—from June to November. They are of every shade of blue imaginable, and

unless it is a plant that has been divided no two will be exactly alike. I have been improving them by selection for a number of years, and believe I have one of the finest collections in the United States. I have many magnificent double varieties, too.

They can be planted from the first of August until late fall or in the spring.

As they run in the nursery row, and hardly two of the same shade or form, 25 cents each, \$2.75 per dozen for No. 1 plants.

BELLADONNA. A fine light shade of blue at the same price.

GLADIOLI

Any garden soil, and a sunny location is a good place to plant them.

No. 1 bulbs should be planted 4 or 5 inches deep, and smaller bulbs 3 to 4 inches deep.

The bulbs are dug in the fall after the tops ripen or are killed by freezing. The tops are cut off close to the bulb, and the bulbs are put in shallow boxes or crates to cure.

The old shriveled bulb and roots can be easily pulled from the new bulb after they have cured a few weeks. They must be kept dry, and where they will not freeze.

I have a large stock, and many varieties, and am testing many new varieties each season, but will not list named varieties this season.

I am making a special offer of 12 named varieties, one each, of No. 1 bulbs, 1½ inch diameter and up for only \$1.00. 15 No. 2 bulbs, 1¼ to 1½ inch one each for \$1.00.

CHOICE MIXED. This mixture contains a great variety of colors. No. 1 \$2.25 per 100. No. 2, \$1.60 per 100.

PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS, Mixed. A fine mixture of many shades. No. 1 \$3.00 per 100, No. 2 \$2.00 per 100.

MISCELLANEOUS

CAMPANULA OR BELL FLOWER

CARPATICA. A pretty dwarf species, with blue, bell shaped flowers an inch in diameter; blooms all summer. 25 cents each.

ROTUNDIFOLIA. (Blue Bell of Scotland.) A pretty dwarf variety. 25 cents each.

CLEMATIS

VIRGINIANA. Small white flowers in August, followed by feathery seed pods which make an attractive appearance until late fall. 25 cents, 50 cents and 75 cents each.

COLUMBINE

SHORT SPURRED. A fine mixture of many shades,
No. 1 plants, 25 cents each, \$2.75 per dozen.

LONG SPURRED. Many shades. No. 1, 30c each.

LILIES

DOUBLE TIGER. No. 1 \$1.50, No. 2, \$1.25.

UMBELLATUM. This is a very showy red lily. Last season I counted over 25 buds and bloom on one stalk raised from a No. 1 bulb planted the fall before. No. 1 25 cents each, No. 2, 20 cents each.

HEMEROCALLIS

These are a desirable hardy plant, and can be planted either fall or spring.

I have eight of the best varieties at 25 cents each for No. 1 plants.

ORIENTAL POPPIES

I have the species, and it is bright scarlet with black center. I have tested over 30 named varieties, and it is the only one that has been a lasting success with me. They MUST be planted in July, August or September, and all will bloom the following June. Good plants 25 cents each. Extra strong plants 50 cents each.

NARCISSUS

These cannot be planted in the spring, but if planted in August and September a bed will last for years, and increase in beauty each season.

PHEASANT'S EYE. 40 cents per dozen, \$3.00 per 100. Blooms on Decoration Day.

ORNATUS. Same as above, but two weeks earlier. 50 cents per dozen.

CONSPICUOUS. Large light yellow. 60 cents per dozen.

PLATYCODON

This is a desirable hardy plant with blue and white flowers. Have the crown one inch below the surface when planted. Mixed colors only 25 cents and 50 cents each.

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HEUCHERA SANGUINEA (Coral Bell)

Long stems of crimson-scarlet flower. Splendid for cutting. Much admired. 25 cents and 50 cents.

TRITOMA

PFITZERL. Red Hot Poker plant. Fine spikes of orange-scarlet flowers. No. 1 plants, 40 cents each or 3 for \$1.00.

EARLY VARIETY. No. 1 plant, 30 cents each, 4 for \$1.00.

They are not hardy here, but are very easy to keep through the winter. Dig them in late October, remove the tops, and let them dry in the sun for a few hours. Keep them in dry sand in the cellar through the winter.

RASPBERRY PLANTS

Most of the red raspberries in the state are affected with mosaic or the running out disease. Mine were inspected three times last summer, and were found free from mosaic.

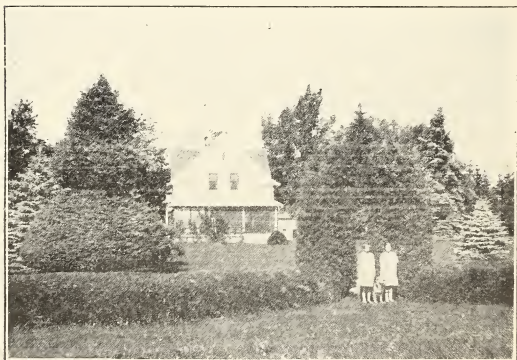
No nurseryman will be allowed to sell raspberry plants that are affected with mosaic after the spring of 1926, and healthy stock is going to be scarce.

LATHAM. The largest and best red raspberry grown. 12 for \$2.00, 25 for \$3.00, 100 for \$10.00.

STRAWBERRY PLANTS

DUNLAP, June bearing \$1.00 per 100

PROGRESSIVE, One of the best everbearing, \$2.00 per 100.



GENERAL REMARKS

The crown of a plant is where the new buds form on the plant and in September they are fully grown so they will start new growth the following spring on the first approach of warm weather.

It is important that peonies, phlox and platycodon should be planted at the right depth, and instructions should be followed.

During the winter I have most varieties of my new iris, and other plants, heeled in sand in my storage cellar, and can ship to warmer sections of the U. S. as early as desired.

I am located one and one-half miles north of Kasson, and 17 miles west of Rochester, Minn., and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Mantorville, the county seat of Dodge County.

I am located on the Babcock Highway No. 57, which connects with No. 7 at Kasson.

AT 'FRYER'S COURT'

'For Better Delphiniums' Magazine—

Mr. Willis Fryer of Mantorville, Minn., made his introductory bow to us in an earlier issue, and few indeed of our readers but felt a more intimate touch with this flower lover after his greeting to us.

Mr. Benjamin F. Dunn, of Rochester, Minn., now writes, "The old saying that 'if you can build even a mouse trap better than the rest of the world the men in it will wear a pathway to your door,'—is well illustrated by Willis E. Fryer. His achievement is far larger than a mouse trap and the pathway to his door is well worn and branches in from every state in the union and from the docks where the ocean liners stop. The writer has had the privilege of visiting many beautiful home grounds, parks and nurseries,—but when you drive into Fryer's nursery you are entering into 'Delphinium Court,' where the kings and queens of the Delphinium world hold sway in all colors from the whites with fine markings and shapes down to the huge monarchs in all combinations of violet blue and royal purple so prized by delphinium growers the world over. As it is in real life where you find the temporal rulers changing, so it is here at 'Fryer's Court.' Herein lies the secret of this dominion of our 'Minnesota Burbank', for he is ever breeding, selecting, propagating, naming and distributing new and better varieties of this fine flower. His 'Dr. Plummer' stands as the exalted ruler at the present time, and its beauty must be seen to be truly appreciated. Its color tends to the darker shades and it carries the new ruffled type of blossom. The man who grew this beautiful flower and thousands of other beauties is a typical, tireless plant worker who lives but to create for others to enjoy. The public can rely upon Willis E. Fryer as far as any man can be relied on. He

personally attends to the planting, selecting, digging, packing, and shipping of his new Delphiniums. What a pleasure it is to wander through his nursery and absorb words of advice not found in any reference book, and to see the pleasure in his eyes when he compares one of his creations with the best the world had before it appeared. One goes away from a visit to Mr. Fryer with a feeling that here he has seen the best there is in the Delphinium, and that one has met a grand old man of the flower world who is working along with the Almighty Gardener to make this old world prettier and happier for mankind."

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THE AIM

"To collect in occasional issues such Delphinium lore as will be of interest and profit to rapidly increasing circle of Delphinium lovers; to provide a medium of interchange of intimate items on methods of culture, sources of known merit material, special success and uses, and all manner of Delphinium information which may serve to further popularize this long neglected prize of our Grandmothers' Gardens; and especially to encourage Delphinium collectors and amateurs in grading up types for special purposes—is the intent and aim of "For Better Delphiniums".

Highly endorsed by all American Delphinium Growers, as well as by the foremost English Growers and Hybridizers. If you love or grow Delphiniums you can't do without this publication. If you have Delphinium troubles and failures tell the Editor, he will show you a way out. If you have discovered a good strain that will do extra well in your locality, tell the Editor, he will make it known and tell thousands of Delphinium lovers about it; and if you don't succeed well with a certain strain, or dislike it for some reason, tell him all about it, he will comment on it in his report column under the two headings: "Favorable" and "Unfavorable."

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MAGAZINE, YOU WILL NEVER REGRET IT!**

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COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE, Weeping Form

IT was planted when the business was first established in 1896, and for over a quarter-century the tree has grown with the business, and made its regular, daily little contributions to the development of the business by attracting the favorable attention of visitors and passers-by.

The lad in the foreground of the picture is my son Willis J. Fryer. The height of the tree may be estimated from the fact that he was just five feet tall when the photograph was taken.



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Come and See the Flowers at Mantorville



Kathryn and Leota. Mrs. Naegeli Iris



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